

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

October 30, 2008

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	1200	39%	3%	58%	9000	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	1900	49%	51%	0%	2600	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	300	172%	45%	1%	7000	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	500	49%	45%	6%	0		
Bays Branch Areas	4100	14%	86%	1%	4200	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	3400	83%	16%	1%	17400	100%	0%
Big Marsh	4300	52%	47%	1%	1200	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	3500	40%	58%	2%	1800	100%	0%
Green Island	6900	88%	11%	1%	5600	100%	0%
Princeton	700	77%	19%	4%	0		
Lake Odessa Areas	11800	43%	55%	2%	2500	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	2000	63%	36%	2%	200	100%	0%
Otter Creek	5100	16%	84%	0%	200	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	No Report - For information contact (515) 432-2823						
Red Rock	2800	54%	46%	0%	500	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	4700	26%	55%	19%	2900	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	No Report - For information contact (641) 464-2220						
Union County Areas	No Report - For information contact (641) 464-2220						
Lake Sugema	200	44%	56%	0%	0		
Missouri River Oxbows	2400	88%	10%	2%	4100	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	7100	24%	47%	29%	100	100%	0%
Total	61900	47%	47%	7%	58900	100%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

The weekend started out warm and dry, but quickly changed as light rain moved across Iowa on Saturday and snow showers fell over the northeast third of the state on Sunday. A strong cold front that moved across Iowa early Sunday was accompanied by sustained west-northwest winds of 35 mph, with gusts of 50 to 60 mph. The winds died and skies cleared on Monday, pushing low temperatures into the teens in north Iowa Tuesday morning. Small wetlands in north Iowa were partially or completely covered with ice Tuesday morning, up to one half inch thick on some wetlands. The ice had thawed by late afternoon. The remainder of the week was dominated by above normal temperatures and sunny skies. Despite favorable migration conditions, only a modest movement of ducks was observed, most notably some diving ducks. However it was reported that Sand Lake, SD, picked up nearly 100,000 ducks and nearly 60,000 snow geese following the big blow on Sunday and Monday